

REMARKS

As required by the Examiner, previously-numbered claims 32, 32-35 have been renumbered, respectively, as claims 32-36.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 28 and 36 include allowable subject matter. In view of the similar features recited in claim 31, and the lack of any detailed explanation in the Office action as to why that claim might be rejected, applicant assumes that claim 31 also includes allowable subject matter.

Claims 28, 31 and 36 have been re-written in independent form to include the features of the claim(s) from which they depended. Therefore, those claims should be in condition for allowance.

The remaining pending claims now depend from one of claims 28, 31 and 36 and, therefore, also should be in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicant respectfully requests allowance of the application.

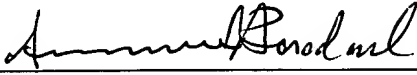
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